



How To: Defining and Teaching Classroom Rules and Routines

Teaching Classroom Routines

Begin by making a list of various routines that occur throughout the day.

Common routines include:

- Morning and end of the day routines
- Lining up to leave the class
- Changing activities or settings
- Turning in classwork/homework
- Passing out materials
- Independent or group work
- Asking for help

There are many routines that can be taught to students. You may want to begin with the routines that are most common (e.g., morning routine, end of the day routine) or activities that students have the most trouble performing in the desired manner.

Write in your most common classroom routines.

Write in the classroom routine that is most challenging for your students.

Next, define clear and explicit behavioral expectations for each routine. Create visual reminders for the classroom routines. Use a visual prompt to help teach the routine to your students.